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- RWANDA

REF: A) STATE 180256, B) USMISSION USUN 2788

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

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2. SUMMARY: WE MET JULY 7 WITH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TO MAKE REF (A) DEMARCHE. [REDACTED] ENLARGED
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ON MANY OF THE POINTS COVERED IN REF (B) IN A SPIRITED
45 MINUTE PRESENTATION OF THE FRENCH INITIATIVE AS
BEING STRICTLY HUMANITARIAN. WE HAVE SCHEDULED QUAI
APPOINTMENTS AND WILL REPORT ON THEM SEPARATELY. END
SUMMARY

3. WE CALLED ON [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] JULY 7 TO DISCUSS FRANCE'S SECURE
HUMANITARIAN ZONE (HZ) AND LEAVE A NON-PAPER CONTAINING
POINTS IN REF (A). [REDACTED] STRESSED THAT FRANCE HAD
PROPOSED THE HZ BECAUSE CONTINUING COMBAT IN RWANDA IS

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CAUSING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES TO FLEE THEIR HOMES. THE GOF FEARED THAT THIS FLIGHT TOWARD BURUNDI AND ZAIRE WOULD DESTABILIZE THE TWO AREAS AND MIGHT TRIGGER ETHNIC FIGHTING IN EACH.

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4. WHEN THE FRENCH MILITARY OPERATED OUT OF GOMA AND BUKAVU IN ZAIRE BY SENDING MISSIONS INTO RWANDA, IT HAD TENS OF THOUSANDS OF TUTSIS UNDER ITS PROTECTION BUT WAS AWARE THAT HUTU MILITIAS CONTINUED THEIR MASSACRES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. IT CONCLUDED THAT THE ONLY POSSIBLE WAY TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM WAS TO CREATE A SAFE HAVEN AND INFORMED BUTROS GHALI, WHO AGREED. BOUTROS SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH MADE NO OBJECTION. FRANCE THEREFORE OPERATES THE HZ, HE SAID, IN STRICT CONFORMITY WITH RESOLUTIONS 925 AND 929.

5. THE HZ, ACCORDING TO [] HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED SOUTH OF KIBUYE AND WEST OF THE ROAD TO BUJUMBURA, WHICH IS CONTROLLED BY THE RPF. GISENYI, CAPITAL OF
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THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT, AND THE NORTHWEST AREA WHERE MOST OF THE FAR IS BASED WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE HZ. UNDER ITS RULES OF OPERATION, FRANCE PROTECTS THE CIVILIAN POPULATION, PREVENTS ANY VIOLENCE, FEEDS REFUGEES AND PROVIDES MEDICAL CARE, ETC. IT DOES NOT ADMINISTER THE TERRITORY, WHICH IT CONSIDERS TO BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LOCAL RWANDAN AUTHORITIES. THE FRENCH ARE COMMITTED TO PREVENTING INCURSIONS BY ANY ARMED GROUPS FROM THE OUTSIDE -- RPF, FAR, OR MILITIA. THEY WILL NOT LET THE MILITIAS OPERATE WITHIN THE HZ, NOR WILL THEY PERMIT THE FAR TO REGROUP OR STAGE ATTACKS FROM THE AREA. [] EMPHASIZES THAT IT IS NOT WITHIN THE FRENCH MANDATE TO DISARM ALL MILITIA OR ARMY GROUPS. FRENCH FORCES HAVE ACTED AGAINST MILITIA GROUPS WHEN THE LATTER TRIED TO OPERATE AGAINST CIVILIANS IN THE PROTECTED AREA.

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6. [] REITERATED AT SEVERAL POINTS IN THE CONVERSATION THAT FRANCE WANTED TO GET OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND SAW ITS MANDATE ENDING BY THE END OF JULY AT THE LATEST, ALTHOUGH HE SAID THE GOF WOULD NOT QUIBBLE OVER A WEEK OR TWO, IF UNAMIR WAS DELAYED. HE ADDED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT REPEATEDLY HAD CALLED FOR THE U.N. SPECIAL ENVOY, THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S COMMISSION

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OF INQUIRY, AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION'S SPECIAL
 RAPPORTEUR TO STOP UTTERING DECLARATIONS AND SWING INTO
 ACTION. FRANCE HAS INVITED ALL OF THEM TO COME INTO
 THE HZ AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WILL FACILITATE THEIR
 WORK. [] STRESSED AGAIN THAT FRANCE SAW ITS ROLE ONLY
 AS HUMANITARIAN, AND THAT IT WOULD WITHDRAW AS QUICKLY
 AS OTHER ELEMENTS COULD ARRIVE TO REPLACE FRENCH

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 FORCES. HE ASKED THAT THE U.S. AND OTHERS TRY TO SPEED
 UP THE ARRIVAL OF UNAMIR TO FACILITATE EARLY FRENCH
 WITHDRAWAL.

7. [] OBSERVED THAT THE HZ IS A HUMAN CATASTROPHE IN
 THE MAKING. FRANCE SO FAR HAS BEEN ALONE. IT HAS
 DISTRIBUTED 400 TONS OF FOOD AND SET UP A MAJOR
 HOSPITAL NEAR CYANGUGU, BUT IT IS BEING OVERWHELMED BY
 THE "MILLION" REFUGEES WHO HAVE ARRIVED OR ARE

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UNDERWAY. THE WFP AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AID
ORGANIZATIONS MUST ARRIVE QUICKLY. [] ACKNOWLEDGES
THAT THE GOF []

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8. THE GOF, ACCORDING TO [] HAS BEEN IN CONSTANT
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CONTACT WITH KAGAME IN KAMPALA AND KIGALI. IT ALSO MET
JULY 6 WITH DALLAIRE AND HAS BEEN KEEPING IN CLOSE
TOUCH WITH MUSEVENI. HE CLAIMS THAT FRANCE HAS TOLD
ALL OF THEM THAT IT HOPES UNAMIR TROOPS CAN ARRIVE
EARLIER THAN NOW SCHEDULED AND GUARANTEED THAT IT WILL
MOVE OUT WHEN THEY DO. HE SAYS THE HZ IS NOT A
"CLOSED" ZONE, BUT IS COMPLETELY OPEN.

9. WITH REGARD TO RADIO MILLES COLLINES BROADCASTS,
[] SAYS FRANCE PROTESTED AND THERE WAS IMPROVEMENT FOR
A FEW DAYS. UNFORTUNATELY, THE TONE HAS WORSENERED
AGAIN. THE MAIN TRANSMITTER IS IN GISENYI (OUTSIDE THE
HZ), AND THERE NOW APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN SEVERAL SPIN-OFF
SMALL TRANSMITTERS OUTSIDE THE HZ. FRANCE IS UPSET BY
THE BROADCASTS AND WILL PROTEST AGAIN.

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10. WE WILL FOLLOW UP OUR MEETING WITH [] BY
DISCUSSING REF (A) POINTS WITH QUAI DEPUTY SECRETARY
GENERAL DEJAMMET AND MEMBERS OF THE QUAI AFRICA BUREAU
DURING THE EVENING OF JULY 7.

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